

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 19, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bethune welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Opening:** Councilmember Campbell offered the opening prayer and Mayor Bethune invited everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call:**

Members: Mayor Bethune presided. Council Members: Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Marcia Daniel, Bessie Kicklighter, Debbie Ruiz and Kim Tice.

**Staff:** Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Blake Hodge, Fire Chief; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Ron Alexander, Planning, Zoning & Building Director; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Benny Googe, Works Director and Pam Franklin, HR Director.

Mayor Bethune said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions or votes were made during the pre-agenda session.

**Informal Public Comment:** Mayor Bethune opened the floor to received public comment from the audience.

Mr. Leonard Hodges, Old Louisville Road, expressed concerns regarding to not having CAT service in the Highway 80 / Old Louisville Road area and only having one grocery store in Garden City.

Mayor Bethune said CAT did a needs study of the West Chatham area and they have not taken action on the study yet. He said grocery stores perform demographic studies to determine their locations.

There being no further questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

**Public Hearings:**

**PC1521 Rezoning Request:** Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by Peter Okwu, owner to rezone 27 Minus Avenue from a C2A zoning district to a C2 zoning district for use as a daycare.

Ms. Charlene Keith, Minus Avenue, said I am requesting the rezoning to open a daycare center to house about sixty children.

Councilmember Tice asked Ms. Keith what are the ages of the children. Ms. Keith replied the ages will range from newborn up to three years of age.

There being no further questions or comment, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application (Garden City Convenience, LLC):** Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application by Mitul B. Patel to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Garden City Convenience, LLC, 4801 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

**Alcoholic Beverage Manager License Application (Garden City Convenience, LLC):** Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage manager license application by Pradeep M. Patel to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Garden City Convenience, LLC, 4801 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application (Yutaka, LLC):** Mayor Bethune opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application by Kyong Rostock to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Yutaka, LLC, 5200 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

**City Council Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 12/7/15 and the workshop synopsis dated 1/11/16.

**Staff Reports:**

Planning & Zoning Director presented the Planning Department's year-end report for 2015. He said we have seen an increase in growth in 2015. He said business licenses were up 10% from 2014.

HR Director presented the Human Resources Department's year-end report for 2015.

IT Director presented the Information Technology Department's year-end report for 2015.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's year-end report for 2015.

Councilmember Kicklighter asked the Public Works Director to check streets lights on Highway 80 in the area of the Farmers Market, because some of the lights are out.

Councilmember Cody said at the end of Delettire off of Sixth Street the street light is out or there may not be one there. She said if there isn't one there then one needs to be installed.

Parks & Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's year-end report for 2015.

Water Operations Director presented the Water Operation Department's year-end report for 2015.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's year-end report for 2015.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's year-end report for 2015.

City Manager thanked the department heads, City Attorney and Clerk of Council for their hard work and dedication.

Mayor Bethune thanked the City Manager for his leadership.

**Items for Consideration:**

Election of President of Council: Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to appoint Kim Tice to serve as President of Council.

**City Official Appointments:**

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to appoint James P. Gerard as City Attorney.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to appoint Tom Edenfield as Municipal Records Court Judge.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to appoint Billy Earl Tomlinson as Municipal Records Court Judge Pro-tem.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to appoint James P. Gerard as Municipal Records Court Judge Pro-tem.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to appoint Doug Andrews as Municipal Records Court Judge Pro-tem.

**Alcoholic Beverage License Application (Garden City Convenience, LLC):** Mayor Bethune said we have for consideration an alcoholic beverage license application by Mitul B. Patel to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Garden City Convenience, LLC 4801 Augusta Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to approve the alcoholic beverage license application for Mitul B. Patel.

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Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the alcoholic beverage manager license application for Pradeep M. Patel.

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Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the alcoholic beverage license application for Kuong Rostock.

**Resolution (Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan):** Clerk of Council read a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, authorizing adoption of the Chatham County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution (Town Center Property Surplus Classification):** Clerk of Council read a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, confirming its classification as surplus property, and its intention to sell, its fee simple interest in certain property constituting a portion of its Town Center development on Dean Forest Road in Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

**First Reading, Ordinance (Council Meetings & Pre-Agenda Meetings Time Change):** Clerk of Council read the first reading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, by amending Section 2-36 to change the meeting time for City Council Meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on every first and third Mondays of each month; to provide for Council Pre-Agenda Meetings at 5:30 p.m. prior to City Council Meetings; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide and effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the ordinance.

**Second Reading, Ordinance (Council Meetings & Pre-Agenda Meetings Time Change):** Clerk of Council read the second reading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, by amending Section 2-36 to change the meeting time for City Council Meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on every first and third Mondays of each month; to provide for Council Pre-Agenda Meetings at 5:30 p.m. prior to City Council Meetings; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide and effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Bethune called for a motion to adjourn. Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

*Transcribed by Clerk of Council  
Approved by City Council: 2/1/16*